

# NATURAL NEWS



The Field Museum  
Exploring  
The Earth And Its  
People

March 1, 1996

## THE NUVEEN FORUM AT THE FIELD MUSEUM

### *Is It Art or Science?*

*Tuesday, March 5, 1996*

5:30 p.m. -- Registration and Exhibit Review  
6:30 p.m. -- Conversation in Montgomery Ward Hall

In this conversation, we will discuss the conflict between the "scientific" delineation of race, and the artistic vision of Malvina Hoffman. Malvina Hoffman, an artist, created a series of sculptures in the 1920's of peoples around the world partly based on their physical measurements. These sculptures then appeared in an exhibit "The Races of Mankind." The exhibit was dismantled later and the sculptures were placed throughout the Museum. Rare film footage of Ms. Hoffman and other materials will be on view. The process of ideological change and the way we view art and scientific thought will be discussed.

Leaders: Sibel Barut, University of Illinois-Urbana; Ruth Andris and Chuimei Ho, The Field Museum

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## OPEN MEETING

### SPACE PLAN REVIEW

*Monday, March 4, 1996 at 12:00 Noon, Montgomery Ward Hall (Lecture Hall I)*

**Laura Gates** will review the long-term Space Plan for the Museum.  
The meeting is open to all who are interested.



### WATCH YOUR MAIL!

1995 Wage and Benefit Statements are in the process of being mailed directly to your home.

## FIELD MUSEUM SPECIMENS AT ESCONI SHOW

**Greg Buckley**, Geology, is sending a display of cephalopod fossils with **Irene Broede**, Geology Volunteer, to the Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show of the Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois (ESCONI), to be held at the College of DuPage on March 2 and 3. It will feature members' displays and special exhibits from area museums.

## CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

### ATTENTION NATURALISTS!

The Kalamazoo Nature Center and the Michigan State Parks are looking for qualified naturalists to work as Seasonal Naturalists in 43 of Michigan's State Parks this summer. The Naturalists will develop and implement naturalist programs for adults and youth within a Michigan State Park. This is a 40 hour/week position with flexible hours (compensation= \$220-280/week). For more information, contact **Lori Breslau** in Academic Affairs (x 627).

### NOON BALLOON

The Noon Balloon presentation for Tuesday 27 February 1996 was delivered by Dr. Maria Helena Fortunato Martins, Visiting Scholar, Department of Zoology, Field Museum and Paleontological Research Associate, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa, Panama. Helena discussed her research on the rise of the Isthmus of Panama using changes in diversity of strombinid gastropods during the last 30 million years. In the early Miocene, strombinid diversity was greatest in what would become the Caribbean side of Panama. By the early Pliocene, diversity shifted toward the eastern Pacific side. In the early Pleistocene strombinid diversity on the Pacific side evidenced further increases, paralleled by a drastic decline on the Caribbean side. Helena then demonstrated changes in strombinid developmental patterns and body size with changes in the respective Caribbean and eastern Pacific diversity patterns from the Miocene to the present.

### ANNIVERSARIES

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| Thatcher Waller                                                                               | <b>February</b> |          |
|                                                                                               | Exhibits        | 5 years  |
| Barbara Allen<br>Rudy Garcia<br>Jennifer Noe<br>Kurt Oldenbrook<br>Randy Smith<br>Eric Frazer | <b>March</b>    |          |
|                                                                                               | Museum Store    | 5 years  |
|                                                                                               | Exhibits        | 5 years  |
|                                                                                               | Personnel       | 5 years  |
|                                                                                               | Exhibits        | 5 years  |
|                                                                                               | Museum Store    | 5 years  |
|                                                                                               | Exhibits        | 10 years |

***Congratulations!*** To **Martina Hough** (Exhibits) on the birth (Valentine's Day) of her granddaughter, Abergale Kay who weighs 7 lbs 2 oz and is 23 in long.

#### MEETING FOR POLICY MANUAL KEEPERS

To review the contents and procedures for updating the manual. Questions? Call **Carolyn** (x642)

*All are welcome to attend!*

*Tuesday, March 5 at 1:00 p.m.  
Lecture Hall II*

*Or*

*Wednesday, March 6 at 10:00 a.m.  
Lecture Hall II*

